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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, UN, US, CE

SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: SRI LANKA'S STRATEGY FOR NACC

1. AT LUNCHEON ON MARCH 30, C.S. CASIE CHETTY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE DIVISION, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MDFA), DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN GSL THINKING REGARDING NACC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING. CASIE CHETTY SAID THAT SRI LANKA'S STRATEGY FOR CONFERENCE HAD BEEN DECIDED AND CHARACTERIZED IT AS WORKING FOR STRICT NON-ALIGNMENT AND FOR MODERATION ON CONTENTIOUS ISSUES, A ROLE SIMILAR TO THAT PLAYED AT LAST YEAR'S SUMMIT MEETING.

2. DESPITE GENERAL AGREEMENT BY MEMBERS OF NACC BUREAU THAT CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES BE AVOIDED AT NACC MEETING, SUCH ISSUES WILL PROBABLY COME UP IF ONLY INPASSING. WHEN THEY ARISE, SRI LANKA WILL DEFER TO THE DECISION OF A SIGNIFICANT MAJORITY, SAY 18 OUT OF 25, BUT WILL ATTEMPT TO PLAY A MODERATING ROLE  
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WHEN VOTE IS CLOSER. SRI LANKA VIEWS MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICAL ISSUES AS OF GREATEST INTEREST TO NACC MEETING. CASIE CHETTY MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF ZIMBABWE LIBERATION FRONT (ZLF) AND PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY (PRSP) SEEKING OBSERVER STATUS AND PERMISSION TO MAKE PRESENTATION TO NACC. (DETAILS REPORTED SEPTTEL NOTAL.) WHEREAS GSL WOULD SUPPORT ZLF, IT WOULD NOT SUPPORT PRSP REQUEST, CONSIDERING IT OF PERIPHERAL

AT BEST TO NACC INTERESTS.

3. GSL HAS BEEN WORKING CLOSELY HERE WITH INDIAN OFFICIALS ON DRAFT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE FOR NACC MEETING AND IS SEEKING TO HAVE IT A MODERATE, BALANCED DOCUMENT. GSL HOPES THAT WHERE CRITICISM IS EXPRESSED IN COMMUNIQUE, IT WILL NOT SINGLE OUT ONE COUNTRY BUT WILL BE WORDED IN VERY GENERAL TERMS. WHERE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES SUCH AS PUERTO RICO AND KOREA ARISE, GSL IS PREPARED TO ENTER RESERVATIONS.

4. PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED MEMBERS OF THE GSL DELEGATION TO NACC ARE LEELANANDA DE SILVA, SENIOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, W.S. NANNAYAKKARA, DEPUTY TO DE SILVA, AND G. WIJEYASIRI, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE DIVISION, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.  
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